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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING LETTER TO
SAG MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

REF: JAN 15, 1976 LETTER FROM JAMES F. PARR TO MIN
AGRICULTURE AL ASH-SHEIKH

1. CONGRESSMAN FRED RICHMOND (BROOKLYN, NEW YORK),
CONGRESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT
TO DETERMINE WHEN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AL ASH-SHEIKH
WILL RESPOND TO JANUARY 15 LETTER FROM JAMES F. PARR,
CHIEF, BIOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SOIL NITROGEN
LABORATORY OF THE US AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE. LETTER
SUMS UP WORK BEING DONE AT BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND ON SEWAGE
SLUDGE COMPOST PROJECT. INFO COPY WAS REPORTEDLY SENT
TO "U.S. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE" AT AMEMBASSY JIDDA.

2. LAST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER CONCLUDES, "AT SOME FUTURE
TIME YOU MAY WISH TO SEND A TEAM OF AGRICULTURISTS AND
ENGINEERS FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO OBSERVE OUR COMPOSTING
RESEARCH PROGRAM HERE AT BELTSVILLE. THE BIOLOGICAL WASTE
MANAGEMENT AND SOIL NITROGEN LABORATORY WOULD BE PLEASED
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TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS

METHODS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES THAT WE ARE NOW USING
IN COMPOSTING."

3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY DETERMINING IF SAG MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE INTENDS TO RESPOND TO PARR LETTER. KISSINGER

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